

I am writing this email letter before the final decision is made on airing the Sinclair Broadcasting's anti-Kerry documentary days just before the election. If the media accounts of this program are approximately correct, then this is yet another example of how corporations are able to escape the responsibilities they have in using the public airwaves free of charge. Having worked most of my life in promoting democracy and development in third-world countries, I am fully aware of how special interests negatively affect freedom and democracy through their control of the airwaves.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.